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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 31 (BERNAMA) -- THE PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, HAS AGREED TO THE SUGGESTION FOR THE SETTING UP OF A NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL TO STEP UP INFORMATION ON THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED CONCEPT, IT WAS STATED HERE TODAY.

MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK ABDULLAH HAJI AHMAD BADAWI SAID DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR HAD ALSO AGREED TO CHAIR THE COUNCIL WHICH WAS SUGGESTED BY A RECENT FORUM ORGANISED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (INTAN).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE 24TH GENERAL MEETING OF PENINSULAR MALAYSIA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS UNION, THE MINISTER SAID MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL WOULD COMPRISE SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, CABINET MINISTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE RECENT FORUM ON MALAYSIA INCORPORATED WAS ATTENDED BY 60 PARTICIPANTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, INCLUDING POLITICIANS.

DATUK ABDULLAH SAID THE FORUM HAD COME UP WITH GOOD IDEAS TO MAKE THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED CONCEPT A REALITY. -- MORE 1510/MK

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE GENERAL MEETING EARLIER, DATUK ABDULLAH SAID IT WAS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO CREATE A GOOD WORKING ATMOSPHERE AMONG THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

HE SAID THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW PROMOTIONS BASED ON EXPERIENCE WAS TO ENABLE THOSE WITHOUT PAPER QUALIFICATIONS TO COME UP.

IN THIS WAY, THE GOVERNMENT HOPED TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THESE OFFICERS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO RECRUIT CANDIDATES FROM THE UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNINGS, PARTICULARLY FOR PROFESSIONAL POSTS. -- BERNAMA 1514/MK